



A Middle School Choral
Methodology
&
Curriculum Pairing:
An Introduction

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Statement of Problem

- There are many accepted music methodologies catered towards children
- There are limited music methodologies that are created for and cater to middle school, specifically middle school chorus
- Teachers do not have resources that help them teach within a methodology

Research Question

- How could a choral music methodology be created to not only meet students' needs, but teachers' needs as well?





The Middle School Choral Methodology

- Vocal Pedagogy
- Social-Emotional Learning
- Performance

Literature Review

- Methodologies
- Method Books
- Various other topics

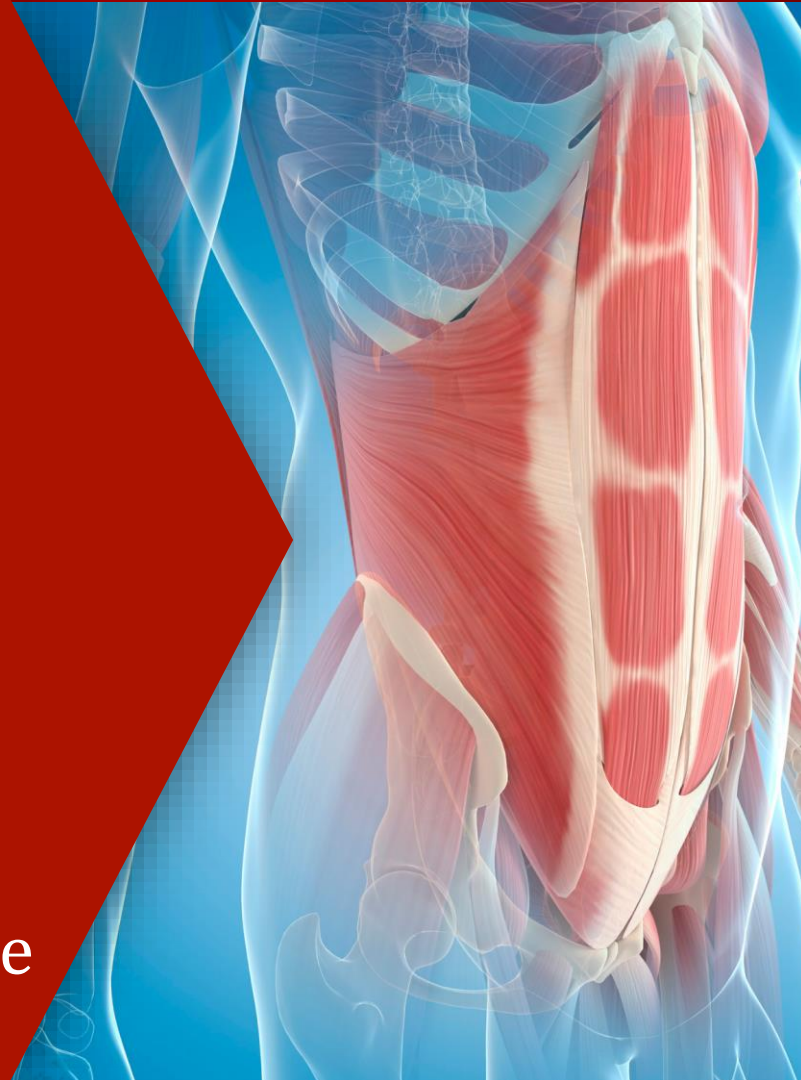


Importance of Vocal Pedagogy

- Necessary part of vocal development and the success of the choir as a whole
- It might take more time out of your standard rehearsal process, but the students will be set up for long term success, instead of “quick fixes”
- Lifelong use and love of music

Debunking Vocal Pedagogy Myths

- Common myths
- Accepted standards for desired outcome
- Difficulty in the study of vocal pedagogy
- Proposed solution: Undiluted Rudimentary Vocal Pedagogy Standards that seek to exercise the voice not transform the voice





Methodology: Vocal Pedagogy

- What comes naturally to students
- The Learning Pyramid Model
- Correct and Incorrect Examples
- Experimentation through games, activities and projects

Methodology: Social Emotional Learning

- Hot Topic in Education
- Incorporate in every lesson
- Strategies besides fixed coping skills
- Specialized attention as needed
- Developing well rounded citizen





Methodology: Performance

- Vocal Pedagogy and Social Emotional Learning applied through Performance
- Choral, academic, and individual performance
- Encouragement and constructive criticism by teacher and peers
- Performance of both students and teachers

Curriculum Pairing

- Provides suggested:
 - Warm-ups
 - Activities
 - Discussion Topics
 - Visual Models
 - “Troubleshooting”



Future Research

- This methodology and curriculum pairing will have progressive editions, as more information is gathered
- Once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and schools return to normal, the methodology developed will be tested in local schools.
- Once tested, then modified as needed, it will be published and a website will be developed with videos that will help teachers and students.

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